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R 282151Z MAR 74  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO  
AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU  
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY  
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SWEL, XY  
SUBJ: DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS OF DESERT BALL BENEFIT  
REF: SHERWOOD LETTERS 10/5/73 AND 11/30/73 TO AMBASSADORS/  
CHARGES

1. ON MARCH 28 CHAIRMAN ANN WILLOUGHBY OF THE SOS DESERT  
BALL PASSED OUT CHECKS FOR DOLS 8,000 EACH TO SAHEL EMBASSY  
REPRESENTATIVES - THE AMBASSADORS OF UPPER VOLTA, MALI AND  
MAURITANIA, CHARGE FROM SENEGAL, AND THE AMBASSADOR'S  
DAUGHTER IN THE CASE OF NIGER. (THE RECENT CHADIAN  
AMBASSADOR WAS GIVEN HIS GOVERNMENT'S CHECK SOME WEEKS AGO  
AT A FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR HIM.) PICTURES WERE TAKEN,  
AND REMARKS BY MRS. WILLOUGHBY AND UPPER VOLTA AMBASSADOR  
YAGUIBOU WERE RECORDED FOR VOA AND WIRELESS FILE USE. YOU  
WILL RECALL THE BALL WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 30 TO RAISE  
FUNDS FOR THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT  
UNDER THE HONORARY CHAIRWOMANSHIP AND IN THE PRESENCE OF  
MRS. NIXON.  
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2. THE BALL RAISED MORE THAN DOLS 48,000 SO THERE REMAINS A SMALL AMOUNT TO BE DIVIDED EVENLY AMONG THE SIX EMBASSIES WHEN A FINAL ACCOUNTING IS MADE.

3. THE CHECKS WERE MADE OUT IN FRENCH LANGUAGE TO THE MINISTRIES (NOT MINISTERS) WHICH THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTOOD WERE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT'S HIERARCHY FOR AMERGENCY FEEDING: CHAD, PUBLIC WORKS; MAURITANIA, PUBLIC HEALTH; SENEGAL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT; MALI, DEFENSE; NIGER, RURAL ECONOMY; AND UPPER VOLTA, PLAN.

4. THESE FUNDS WERE RAISED THROUGH THE BALL AND THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WERE TAX-EXEMPT. THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS WAS OBTAINED BY THE USE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE (AAI) AS SPONSOR OF THE BALL, AND IT INCUMBENT ON THE AAI TO KNOW WHAT DISPOSITION IS MADE OF THE FUNDS. THE ADDRESSEES ARE THEREFORE ASKED TO ASCERTAIN IN DUE COURSE IN WHAT MANNER THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT WILL BE AIDED BY THE BALL'S PROCEEDS. RUSH

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